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**LOG OF MEETING**  
**DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES**

**SUBJECT:** Meeting of U.S. Access Board Play Facilities Regulatory  
Negotiation Committee

**DATE OF MEETING:** April 2-4, 1997      **PLACE:** CPSC Headquarters  
4330 East West Hwy.  
Bethesda, MD

**LOG ENTRY SOURCE:** John Preston, ES *JP*

**COMMISSION ATTENDEES:** John Preston, ES

**NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:**

Susan Goltsman, ASLA  
Drue Kale, ASTM F08.52.01  
Fran Wallach, ASTM F15.29  
Mike Butkus, ASTM F15.36  
Carl Lewis, Access Board  
Lynn White, Nat. Child Care Assn.  
Jose Dimas, Nat. League of Cities  
John Wodatch, Dept. of Justice

Elaine Evans, Nat. PTA  
John McGovern, NRPA  
Jack Gonzenbach, IPEMA  
Cindy Burkhour, TASH  
Margaret Lavigne, UCPA  
Jerry Bynum, NESS  
Michelle Newman, NCIL

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

The purpose of the meeting was to attempt to complete a draft of requirements addressing accessibility of playgrounds and playground equipment by children with disabilities.

John Wodatch of the Disability Rights Section of the Dept. of Justice conducted a question and answer session with committee members related to the ADA regulations. The discussion appeared to focus on the definition of "alterations" to a playground that would necessitate compliance with the ADA.

There was discussion on a cost benefit analysis of complying with accessibility requirements.

Much of the meeting was spent developing definitions for a proposed rule. A number of these definitions were taken from the ASTM F1487 standard for playground equipment for public use.

A working group was established to draft a proposed rule and it was anticipated that this would be sent to all committee members by 5/9/97.

The next meeting was scheduled for July 7-9th after which it was anticipated that a draft of a proposed rule would be presented to the Access Board.

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